

MEMBERS OF LOCAL SCHOOL'S SAFETY PATROL AND FACULTY ADVISORS



Sponsored by the Plymouth Junior Chamber of Commerce, the safety patrol made up of Plymouth school students began its work this week. Eight street crossings are guarded by members of the patrol during hours when students are going to and from school. Eleven of the thirteen patrolmen and the two faculty advisors are pictured above as follows: Front row, left to right: David Cuioreth, Phillip Jethro, Bruce Wright (captain), Eugene Brown (lieutenant), Owen Bishop, Edward Taylor, faculty advisor; second row: Charles Inabinet, faculty advisor; Tommy Cuioreth, Charles Harris, G. C. Richards, Neal Carter, Larry Watson, Jimmy Sitterson, absent when photo was made were Ralph Gurganus (lieutenant) and Frank Dew—Polaroid 1-Minute staff photo.

More Land Secured For School Campus

Lodge To Honor Grand Chaplain

Perseverance Lodge No. 59, A. F. & A. M., will hold its Ladies Night meeting and also honor R. H. Lucas, grand chaplain of the grand lodge of North Carolina, Friday night of this week at the Methodist Fellowship Hall. Time has been announced as 7:30 o'clock.

The featured speaker of the evening will be Plymouth Attorney Z. V. Norman. H. H. Allen will act as toastmaster. Vocal solos will be rendered by Mrs. Frances Lucas. All Masons are urged to attend.

Alert Set Sunday For Plymouth and Roper Observers

Three-Hour Exercise To Begin at 2 P. M. Will Be Known as "Operation Valentine"

"Operation Valentine," a three-hour alert, will be observed by ground observer corps posts at Plymouth and Roper Sunday, it was announced.

The period of alert will be from 2 to 5 p. m., according to Dr. A. L. Whitehurst, director of the local post.

The stated purpose of the exercises is "to gain and/or maintain proficiency in the speed and accuracy in reporting aircraft by Ground Observer Posts volunteers as well as to develop an increased interest in this phase of civil defense."

During the alert, which will include approximately 220 observation posts in 57 North Carolina counties, volunteers will be asked to report all aircraft that may fly over or near the observation post.

Should the test be canceled because of inclement weather, the posts will be notified, it was stated.

Dr. Whitehurst said that there is a strong possibility that the test here may go on a 24-hour basis in the spring. If that should materialize, he said, about 100 more volunteers will be needed.

Anyone interested in becoming a member of the post is asked to contact either one of the following: Dr. Whitehurst, Carl L. Bailey, Jr., or Charles Gardner.

Auto Overtakes Several Times and Is Total Loss

A 1949 Mercury operated by Hugh Brown, Macedonia Negro, overturned several times and was demolished on NC 32 two and a half miles south of Plymouth Friday at 11:30 p. m., according to State Highway Patrolman Carl Gilchrist, of Plymouth.

Gilchrist investigated the accident and charged Brown with careless and reckless driving.

According to the patrolman's report, Brown's car ran off the left side of the road, went out of control and overturned. The vehicle was headed north.

Boy Scout Week Is Observed Here

A proclamation, signed by Mayor A. J. Riddle and with the official seal of the Town of Plymouth affixed, was issued this week proclaiming this week as "Boy Scout Week."

The proclamation by the mayor urges "our citizens to recognize the patriotic service being rendered in our community by the volunteer scout leaders and to express their appreciation to the religious bodies, school organizations, veterans' associations, fraternal groups and service clubs which sponsor our Cub Packs, Boy Scout Troops and Explorer Units."

Tuesday of this week was the 45th anniversary of the founding of the Boy Scouts of America, chartered by the Congress of the United States as a program for all the boys of America. There is now an active enrollment in the nation of 3,660,000 scouts.

All Sea Scouts will attend church services at Plymouth Christian Church Sunday morning in a body as a part of the scout week activities, Skipper Alban Papineau has announced. Officers of the ship—Skipper Papineau, and Mates Billy Hopkins, H. O. Lovic and Ray Hollowell—will attend with the boys.

Other Scout units also plan to attend services in groups, it is understood.

No other special activities have been announced.

County Board of Education Reaches Agreement for Moving Colored Home to New Lot

The county board of education, in regular monthly session here Monday, negotiated with Remus Junius Brown and wife an agreement for the board to move the Brown dwelling house from its present location on Adams Street to any one of Lots 2-7 in Block F of the Woodlawn sub-division on Brinkley Avenue.

The board has been trying for some time to reach such an agreement as one of a series of moves designed to obtain needed playground space for the Plymouth High School campus.

Brown had expressed a desire to move to the Brinkley Avenue locality and E. L. and A. L. Owens, owners of the lots in question, agreed to sell a lot in the area to the board so that it could be transferred to Brown.

H. D. Craddock, Creswell house mover, has agreed to move the house, it was said.

The board agreed to have the house moved and placed on the new site within a period of 60 days and in as good condition as the house is in at present.

The board also formally approved the low bid of H. D. Craddock in the amount of \$800 to move the Church of God in Christ building from the corner of Madison and Sixth Streets to the corner of Adams and Sixth.

The exchange of Lot 6, Block B of the Marcia Latham subdivision which was recently purchased by the board from King Robbins, Jr., and wife, for Lot 11 in Block C of the same subdivision, was approved. The Church of God in Christ building has been moved from the latter lot to the former, and the latter will be added to the high school campus.

Formal approval was also made of the recent sale of the site on which the old Kelly School was located 10 miles from Plymouth on the Pinetown Road. The property was sold to W. H. Mizelle, of near Plymouth.

All members of the board were present for the meeting which was presided over by Chairman L. E. Hassell, Jr., of Roper.

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Local football fans honored members of the Plymouth High School coaching staff, football squad and cheerleaders at a banquet Monday night in the high school lunchroom. There were about 100 persons present, with P. B. Bateman serving as toastmaster.

Following a delicious turkey dinner, several trophies and awards were presented, with Coach Joe Foster introducing members of the coaching staff, football squad and cheerleaders. The dinner was prepared by the lunch room staff under the supervision of Miss Blanche Davis and was served by members of Miss Carolyn Brinkley's home economics department.

The principal talk was made by Coach Pepler of the North Carolina State College coaching staff. He brought with him two former High School football players, Hugh "Junior" Pierce and Ken Trowbridge, Jr., who are members of the State squad this year. In presenting the two local boys, Coach Pepler said that both would probably play a lot of football for State during the coming season and he was most complimentary about their ability.

Pierce was captain of the State freshman team and a defensive center on the varsity some years ago before he entered the service. H. has just returned to State, where he has two years of eligibility left, and Pepler said he probably would be used as a guard and linebacker during the coming season. Trowbridge was on the freshman team last season and is one of the leading half-back contenders for the varsity this year. Both were unanimous all-conference selections for their respective positions while in high school here.

J. S. Fleming, principal of the local school and president of the Albemarle Conference, presented

Council Votes To Outlaw Bees Here

The Plymouth Town Council met Monday night in regular monthly session and passed an ordinance against the keeping of bees within the city limits. The motion was made by Councilman Ralph Hunter and seconded by Councilman J. D. Cruickshank. The ordinance has already been drawn up by the town attorney, it was said.

It was also voted to give the local Jaycees authority to renumber the houses in Plymouth. The Jaycees desire to sponsor such a project here, it was explained.

About the only other matter on which action was taken at the meeting was the renting of the old gin house on the river near the Municipal Building. It was rented to Davenport Hardware Company for an annual rental of \$75.

The session was presided over by Mayor A. J. Riddle.

Football Banquet Is Held Monday; Trophies Awarded

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The annual Fathers Night will be observed next Tuesday night at the meeting of Plymouth Parent-Teacher Association, it is announced.

The meeting is slated for the high school auditorium at 8 o'clock.

A prize will go to the room having the most fathers present, it was said.

The Boy Scouts will have charge of the program.

Fathers Night Set Tuesday Of Next Week By PTA Here

"THIS OLD HOUSE" CAN'T STAND MANY MORE MOVES LIKE THIS

Being moved for the third time in its 85-to-90 year history, this church building was pictured last Friday on Sixth Street on its way from Adams Street to a new location at the corner of Sixth and Madison. The lot on which it was formerly located, across Adams Street from the high school gymnasium, was purchased recently by the board of education to provide additional playground space for the school here. Originally built to house the Plymouth Missionary Baptist Church, the building was sold in 1919 to a colored group known as the Church of God in Christ, and has continued to house that congregation since. Contractor H. D. Craddock, of Creswell, and his crew, pictured above, handled the moving job with a modernly equipped winch truck in a few hours Friday of last week.—Polaroid 1-Minute staff photo.

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Action Deferred On Fund Request For Library Here

Board of Commissioners Favors Matter Presented by Delegation For Library Building

The first step to secure a needed library building for Plymouth was taken here Monday when a good-sized delegation appeared before the county commissioners with a request for funds for a modest structure.

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Revaluing Topic For Special Meet By County Board

R. M. Byrd, Head of County Revaluation Project, To Meet With Board; Routine Monday

The county commissioners met Monday in regular monthly session and after hearing a delegation asking a library building for Plymouth and attending to routine matters adjourned to meet again Thursday night of this week at the courthouse. At the Thursday meeting R. M. Byrd will meet with the board and discuss the revaluation project which is about complete. It is expected that notices of revaluation will go out to property owners soon.

The clerk to the board was instructed to write to Dr. J. M. Phelps, Washington County Representative, requesting that he meet with the board Monday of next week at 1 p. m.; also, to ask that the representative not support any legislation that would affect the present law in this county pertaining to liens regarding old age assistance payments.

A petition was approved and forwarded to the highway department asking that certain road in Lees Mill Township, running from Wenona Fire Tower north to the southern tip of the Mill Pond Road be taken over and maintained.

It was agreed that all county offices not now on a five-day week begin observing the Wednesday half-holiday closing this week and continue through September.

Routine reports were submitted by County Agent W. H. Pruden and Mrs. Frances M. Darden, home agent. E. J. Spruill, county tax collector, reported \$34,899.60 collected in January.

Polio Ball Here Saturday Night

It is anticipated that many will dance in order that others may walk when the annual March of Dimes Ball is held at the local Veterans Club Saturday night of this week. Music for the affair will be furnished by the Plymouth High School dance band.

A feature of the evening's entertainment will be the crowning of the 1955 March of Dimes queen, Miss Sandra Leggett, at intermission. The crowning will be done by last year's queen, Miss Jo Hobbs. Dancing will be from 9 to 12 p. m. with intermission at 11 o'clock.

Religious Census To Be Sponsored Here This Month

Plymouth Ministerial Association Will Conduct Census of Town Sunday Afternoon, February 20

Plymouth will get its first religious census in two years this month.

The Plymouth Ministerial Association will sponsor a house-to-house canvass in the town between the hours of 2 and 4 p. m., it was said.

Volunteer workers from the several churches taking part are to assemble at Plymouth Methodist Church at 1:30 p. m. that day for instructions, groupings and assignments.

The work will be directed by the Rev. Jesse K. Banning, minister at Plymouth Methodist Church.

Residents of Plymouth will be visited and interviewed concerning church membership and other pertinent information from which statistics valuable in church work will be formulated.

The information, on cards, will be filed and will bring the statistics up to date. The last census was conducted here February 22, 1953.

The cooperation of local residents is urged. Some of the outlying territory beyond the city limits may also be canvassed, it was stated.

Polio Drive Now \$700 Under Goal

The Washington County March of Dimes was \$700 short of the \$2,500 goal Wednesday of this week, with a few community reports remaining to be made.

Thos. F. Hopkins, county director, reported Wednesday morning that about \$300 was raised by the Plymouth business and professional solicitation committee composed of D. Marvin Weaver, Melvin Boyd, Robert Howell and Ronald Waters.

Reports have not been received from the Roper colored and Creswell white and colored committees. Mr. Hopkins said. Other sources of additional funds to boost the total include the parking meter receipts here, receipts from the containers in stores throughout the county, the annual March of Dimes Ball, and the sale of polio fighter balloons.

It is now thought that the parking meter receipts next week-end will be donated by the Town, although no definite announcement concerning this has been made.

The county director said the Boy Scouts here will sell polio fighter balloons Saturday of next week.

Mt. Delane Obsolete School Property Bid Off at \$900

A. M. and M. H. Kochells, of Plymouth, were again the successful bidders when the Mt. Delane obsolete school property was sold at public auction at the county courthouse here Saturday. The high bid was \$900.

The bid will remain open for a 10-day period during which it will be subject to upset bid, R. F. Lowry, county superintendent of schools, stated.

Variation of Chain Letter Plan Brings 'Run' on \$25 Bonds

Two Local Banks Sold Over \$2,000 Worth in Past Few Days; New Version of Old Scheme Is Cause

Plymouth banks have had a "run" on \$25 savings bonds since a chain-bond scheme hit this section about the middle of last week. Up to yesterday, the two local banks had issued approximately 115 bonds of the \$25 denomination, representing a cash outlay of some \$2,875.25 at the selling price of \$18.75 each with a maturity value totalling \$2,875 in 10 years. One of the banks completely sold out of \$25 bonds Friday and had to order a new supply.

The plan apparently came into this area from Norfolk and Elizabeth City, and quite a number of the \$25 bonds sold here were made out to persons with addresses in those two cities. There were widespread reports about the success of the scheme, and it was talked here yesterday that one of the Elizabeth City promoters had already received \$800 to \$1,000 worth of bonds from an original investment of \$37.50. None of the local sponsors have made any profit yet, so far as could be learned.

There is considerable doubt about the legality of the scheme, according to bankers and law enforcement officials. The United States District Attorney in Norfolk issued a warning Monday about the plan, intimating that an investigation might be forthcoming. In this connection, a local citizen who is well versed in legal knowledge issued the following statement yesterday:

"Public attention is increasingly being directed to the recent appearance of the old chain letter gag in new clothing. It now involves the buying of United States bonds to be presented to the person whose name is at the top of a list of eleven names on the letter. This letter is transmitted by hand, but the bonds are mailed.

"The letter promises that if the chain is not broken all participants will soon get rich, or will

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Funeral Services Held Tuesday for Dr. L. W. White

Prominent Suffolk Physician Was Well-Known in Plymouth and Washington County

Dr. Landon Wilmer White, 74-year-old Suffolk, Va., physician, died at about 2 p. m. Sunday at a Suffolk hospital following a brief illness. He was married to the former Clara Hampton of Plymouth, and was well-known here where he was a frequent visitor, owning business property here.

Dr. White received his degree from the Medical College of Virginia in 1906 and set up practice at Suffolk after having served for a time as resident physician at St. Vincent's Hospital, Norfolk. He helped to establish the Virginia Hospital at Suffolk in 1915. He was a member of the Tri-County Medical Society, a director of the Farmers Bank of Nansmond, and a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Suffolk. He had served his church as vestry member, senior warden and teacher of the Men's Bible Class.

Dr. White served during World War I in the Navy Medical Corps. He was a native of Charlotte County, son of Joshua Warren White and Elizabeth Morton White. He received his early education in Georgia, took his B. A. degree from the College of William and Mary, where he was a member of Pi Mu Sigma fraternity and Kappa Sigma social fraternity.

He leaves, other than his widow, a daughter, Mrs. Mary W. Hollander, of Pawling, N. Y.; a sister, Miss Mary Coleman White, of Gloucester, Va.; and two grandsons, Preston Hollander, Jr., and Landon White Hollander, of Pawling.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday at 11 a. m. at St. Paul's Church by the Rev. John A. Winslow, rector, and the Right Rev. William A. Brown, of Portsmouth, retired bishop of Southern Virginia. Burial was in Cedar Hill Cemetery.

The body was taken from the Baker Funeral Home to the family residence at 620 Washington Street Tuesday at 9 a. m.